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For: AN APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR) Confirmation No.: 6967
DEGRADING A WEB IN THE MACHINE)
DIRECTION WHILE PRESERVING CROSS-)
MACHINE DIRECTION STRENGTH)

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As required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(i), a copy of each listed foreign patent document is enclosed. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider each of the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached Form.

Applicants provide the following information regarding the listed non-English language documents. WO 96/18771 A1 has an English-language abstract on its face and is believed to be related to U.S. Patent No. 6,106,928, which is listed on the enclosed Form.

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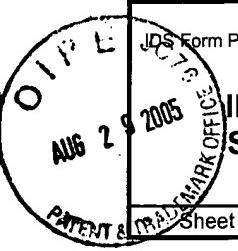
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